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1. MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS COPY OF MEMORANDUM DATED DECEMBER 8 FROM ACTING UNHCR REP IN MOZAMBIQUE, SERGIO VIEIRA DE MALLO, TO HQ GENEVA, WHICH SHEDS NO NEW LIGHT ON FATE OF MATIAS, BUT STATES THAT INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS BEEN ASKED TO "KINDLY INVESTIGATE" WHETHER MATIAS HAS ENTERED MOZAMBIQUE, AND THAT REP WILL ALSO SEEK INFORMATION FROM ALBZRTO SITHOLE UPON HIS RETURN FROM TRIP ABROWD.

2. OTHERWISE, MEMORANDUM REVEALS PRO-FRELIMO ORIENTATION OF DE MELLO WHO REFERS TO WRITERS OF LETTER TO UNHCR ON MATIAS CASE (ROSARIO AND DOS SANTOS) AS "RESORTING TO SYSTEMATIC SLANDER OF FRELIMO AND THE GOVERNMENT", AND EWSEWHERE CITES "MALEVOLENT MOZAMBICANS LIVING IN KENYA" AND "UNSCRUPULOUS MOZAMBICANSHRESIDING IN KENYA". HE STATES PIERRE COAT IN 1971 HAD SET FRELIMO POLICY OF HUMANE ATTITUDE TOWARD DISSIDENTS, THAT THIS ATTITUDE STILL PREVAILED, AND THAT HIS OFFICE HAD NO EVIDENCE WHATEVER OF PHYSICAL HARASSMENT OF ANY REPATRIANT; RATHE, "DETENTION DURING AN
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INITIAL PERIOD AND REEDUCATION WEREHTHE METHODS USED BY FRELIMO IN DEALING WITH DISSIDENTS".

3. MEMORANDUM STATES REP DOES NOT BELIEVE ACCUSATIONS MADE BY ROSARIO AND DOS SANTOS ARE "FOUNDED", AND THAT U.S. EMBASSY IN MAPUTO WHICH APPROACHED DE MELLO ON SUBJECT AGREES IN THIS.

4. COMMENT: MISSION HAS NO WAY OF DETERMINING TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS, BUT TRANSMITS FOREGOING IN SOME DETAIL TO PROVIDE FLAVOR OF DE MELLO'S THINKING AND REPORTING. WE REQUEST OF COURSE THAT OUR POSSESSION OF MZMORANDUM NOT BE REVEALED OR INDICATED, ESPECIALLY TO DE MELLO, AND KADRY IN NAIROBI.
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